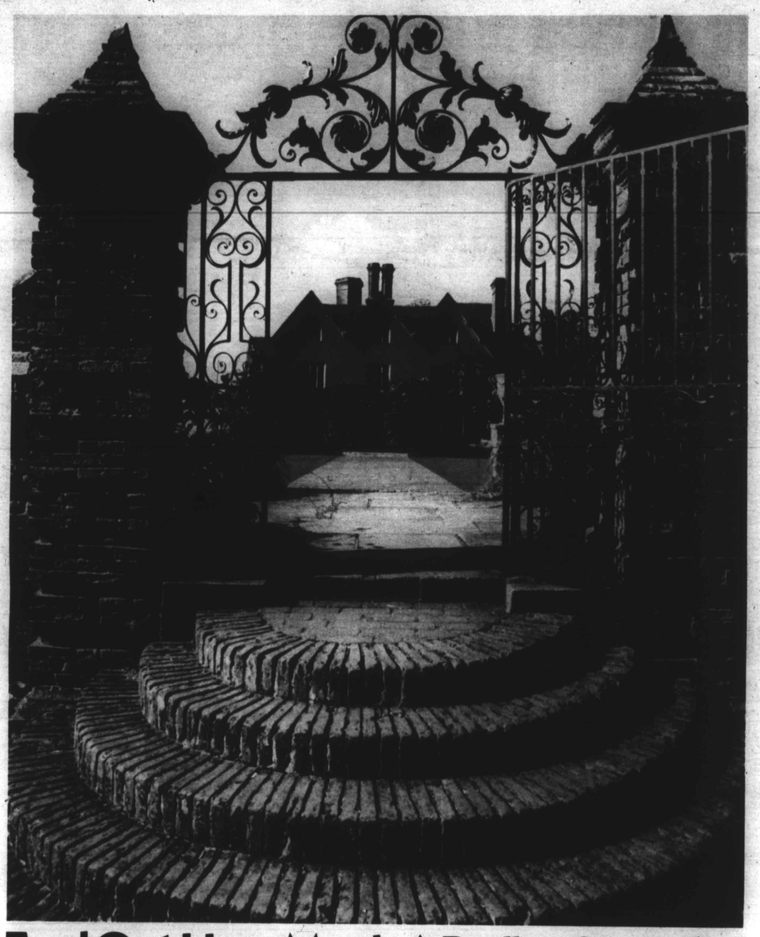

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Super Scalping Sunday

By Sam Lacy
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In racing parlance, a "ginza" is what they call a horse with two names beginning with the same first letter: Clipper Clyde, Great Grimace, Tom Terrific, etc.

Many hunch bettors make a practice of wagering on "ginzas," firm in the conviction that they are lucky.

Following that line, it would seem plausible that there may be a generous number of horse players among the thousands awaiting the kickoff for the Washington Redskins-Denver Broncos championship game at San Diego this weekend.

These folk may think if a "double ginza" is a good omen, a "triple ginza" will test fortune's brink.

"Super Scalping Sunday"

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Redskins supporters soothed their frenzy by paying as high as $800 outside the gates of Washington's RFK Stadium - with air fare and hotel accommodations yet to be accounted for in the final reckoning.

Others who were unable to get in under the window allotment in D.C., and those in Denver with a similar problem were caught up in the lunacy that produced prices ranging from $500 to $1,500.

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Shot 5 times — he lives

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

One Baltimore mother is joyful today, as her 32-year-old son recuperates from five gunshot wounds he sustained nine days ago.

It was 6 a.m. on Jan. 20, the day after Larry D. Barnes was shot, that Grace Barnes' children told her about Larry's shooting.

Momma we have some bad news and some good news," she said the children said. "Larry has been shot (five) times, but the good news is that he is okay."

"I said thank you God," the woman said today.

"He was a very lucky fellow to pull through (five) bullets," she said. "God wasn't ready for him, yet."

On Jan. 19, at 9:35 p.m. in the 2900 block of Auchentorolly Terrace, a man wearing a coat with a yellow hood, shot Larry Barnes five times with a handgun, wounding Barnes in the abdomen, upper left arm, upper right leg and back, police reports said.

He was immediately rushed to Sinai Hospital, where he was listed in critical, but stable condition, for a week.

No words were exchanged during the incident and police have yet to establish a motive.

The assailant has not been

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Masons, OES feuding

By Alicia Benjamin
AFRO Staff Writer

The leader of a local Masonic group asked the Baltimore Circuit Court to settle a dispute between his order and its auxiliary organization, but they were told they must settle it themselves.

Judge John Carroll Byrnes told the Hiram Grand Lodge AF&AM lodge members that suspension of their lodge by the national council and the suspension of the auxiliary group, the Naomi Grand Chapter, by the Hiram Lodge, were mistakes.

When John V. Thornton, Grand Master of the Hiram Lodge refused to pay for identification badges for the members of his order, it resulted in the ousting of his faction from the national order.

Thornton refused to pay for about 1,000 badges in 1984 because he questioned the cost of the badges. The United Supreme Council in California, headquarters of the Masonic order, repeatedly requested Thornton to pay the bill, but he refused.

In 1986 the Supreme Council suspended all Maryland lodges because Thornton refused to pay the California national chapter for the badges.

Seeking to retain her ties with national headquarters, Mary Frazier, Grand Worthy Matron of the Naomi Chapter, an auxiliary organization of the Hiram Lodge, moved to another location, the Alpha House, 1203 Clifton Ave.

Frazier and other members of the Naomi Chapter wanted to work under a new jurisdiction and the Supreme Council stipulated that they must be affiliated with a male lodge.

They were looking for a male counterpart to work with, and the

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POPULAR LEADER—Mayor Schmoke is enjoying a wave of grassroots popularity as he charts a course for the city.

Schmoke looks forward with confidence to 2nd term

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

It's 10:30 Monday morning and all is quiet in City Hall's Ceremonial Room. A room incidentally, which is spacious, colorful and immaculate.

But there is no ceremony this morning; instead there is a meeting with the chief.

Three to five minutes later, Kurt L. Schmoke, the chief of Baltimore, steps into the room with his blue striped suit and his choir-boy smile, for a 30 minute interview.

"Hello," he politely uttered, as he sat down to discuss his 50-odd days in office as the city's first elected black mayor.

The six-footish man, who quickly assumed his mayoral powers last month by appointing university graduates to his administration and firing several old-Schaefer cronies, summarized his first 51 days as mayor as "moving along okay."

"It's been a mixture of retaining the old and making changes," the 37-year-old Ivy Leaguer said.

Since his swearing in, Schmoke has appointed four crucial appointments in city government.

He has appointed former District Court Judge Neal M. Janey as the city's solicitor, George Balog as public works director, Robert W. Hearn as the city's housing commissioner and Meldon S. Hollis, Jr., as the president of the Board of School Commissioners.

A new director is expected to be named today and will take office on March 1.

The new director "will probably be someone very familiar with the department, but not within the department," Schmoke said,

James Grant, 60, has been serving as acting director, since October, when Chris T. Delaporte resigned.

As Baltimore's 46th mayor, Schmoke represents hope and progress for the black community.

While sitting in a cushy chair, Schmoke said that he realizes black peoples' expectations of him and that he plans to fulfill as many as he can.

He said he would not be able to

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Death penalty hurts blacks, Boston says

By Alicia Benjamin
AFRO Staff Writer

The death penalty is final. If evidence is uncovered which proves a convicted person is not guilty, there is no way to rectify the mistake if he is dead.

Del. Frank D. Boston, D-41 has proposed a bill which would abolish the death penalty because of the possibility of killing an innocent person and also because he said the law discriminates against blacks.

Of the 10 men who are on death row, 18 of them are black, reports Beverly Marable, public relations person for Public Safety and Correctional Services in Maryland.

"In Maryland if you kill a black person it's OK but if you kill a white person they will give you the death penalty," said Boston.

It is important for people to understand that the Bill is not designed to protect criminals but to stop discriminating against blacks who are sent to death row in disproportinate numbers Boston stated.

Many people are in favor of the death penalty because they fear murderers will be allowed to roam the streets, Boston commented.

"I think a lot of blacks don't understand how discriminating the law is," Boston continued. "They see a lot of murders occuring in the city and may be dealing with it from an emotional point of view. They don't want to see murderers in the streets."

But blacks may not realize that blacks do not get sent to death row for killing blacks. They are only sentenced to death when they kill whites, Boston explained.

"In our country we have not sufficiently developed our feelings about human beings," Welcome commented.

Some people feel if you take a life you should give a life but when a person kills they are emotionally disturbed, she continued.

Del. Frank D. Boston

"Who are we to take lives?" she asked. "God said we should not kill and I believe that. I just don't feel we have a right to take a life."

The state pays over $750,000 per case when prosecuters seek to execute convicted murderers, said the delegate. The state must pay the cost of prosecuting and defending the person as the case moves through the appeals process, he added.

"When a person is accused of murder they are usually poor and black so they can' afford to buy their own defense."

Boston's bill was heard last week before the House Judiciary Committee and was co-sponsored by 27 legislators including 13 blacks.

Boston hopes the bill will at least reach the House floor so the issue can be debated by the entire body.

"We want to get a feeling of what the sentiments of their constituency are," he said.

Citizens fearful of murderers who are let out of jail may not be aware of a new law which gives judges the option to sentence convicted murderers to spend their entire lives in jail without the possiblity of being set free, Boston stated, This law was implemented July 1, 1987.

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Montrose workers claim bias

By Don Collins
AFRO Staff Writer

Black workers at a Baltimore County juvenile facility filed a group discrimination complaint with the Human Services Office earlier this week against the facility's management.

Over 25 employees of the Montrose Juvenile Center in Reisterstown, Maryland claim that management was guilty of giving white workers preferential treatment in the job placement process after the workers were notified that Montrose would be closing March 18.

"We (black workers) have been told that some of us are going to be laid-off," said Beverly Knox-Penn, an employee of Montrose. Some of us have been offered jobs 50 or 60 miles from our homes. Why should we have to travel that far?"

Some of the employees have been placed at the Carter Youth Facility on the Eastern Shore and the Thomas J. S. Waxter Center in Laurel, to name a few.

Knox-Penn also added that white workers have been placed ahead of the black workers. "Many of our white co-workers were selected over the black employees, although they were

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Lotto tops $8 million

The Maryland State Lottery has doubled the "play" with an eight million dollar lotto jackpot and a new instant game, Double Play.

Lottery officials indicated the lotto drawing conducted 01/23/88 produced the winning numbers 8-9-11-16-20-26, and they were not on any winning ticket; However 403 players will receive $981.00 for selecting 5 of 6 numbers and 16,465 players won $31.00 in the third tier.

Gross sales were $3,591,469.00, said Carroll H. Hynson, Jr. deputy director, public affairs.

S.S. to close Dunbar office

By Alisa Samuels
AFRO Staff Writer

The 19-year-old Dunbar office of the Social Security Administration, which has provided needed services to the elderly and the disabled repeatedly has been ordered to shut down on March 7, by the federal administration.

The Dunbar branch will merge with the Baltimore District office at 709 E. Lombard St. to reduce expenditures, an SSA spokesman said.

In a memorandum to the East Baltimore branch staff, the district manager, Dave Richardson, said the merger, a part of the administration's office realignment, "should result in more efficient and cost-effective service for the public."

But many contend the closure will bring hardship to the elderly and the disabled, who benefit from the office, which is located in the basement of Dunbar High School.

"I can't believe that SSA would ignore requests . . . to keep Dunbar open," said Rita Pyle, president of the American Federation of Government Employees AFL-CIO, Local 3302.

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